

November 16, 2005 Air Supported Structure Meeting

Discussion of ACT 389

- Definition of operator has been changed from someone that has more than one air-supported structure to someone that owns more than two air-supported structures.
- Insurance or bond requirement was changed from a million dollar policy to a three hundred thousand dollar policy concerning air-supported structures. Insurance and bond amounts for amusement rides and attractions remain at one million dollars.
- All operators must notify the Assistant Secretary (Louisiana State Fire Marshal's office) of purchases by providing a bill of sale or bill of lading.

Inspections

- The Office of State Fire Marshal would like to abstain from all air supported structure set-ups unless they are co-mingled with amusement rides. Proposing a change to the current law.
- At time of annual & set up inspections, all air-supported structures and their appurtenances must conform to manufacturer's requirements.
- Annual inspections are in-depth inspections that involve monitoring maintenance, repair and training programs, as well as inspection of air-supported structure.
- Technical manuals are an ASTM requirement and must be available for inspection.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Possibility of posting all air-supported structure companies that are in compliance with the LA State Fire Marshal's office on the LA State Fire Marshal website monthly.
- Jason DeJean mentioned people purchasing inflatables from Sam's & Wal-Mart, and using them for commercial use. Investigation to follow by Office of State fire Marshal

- Useful websites for companies suggested www.a-irco.com and www.rideaccidents.com
- Proposed removal of 1484.4 (C) (1) At least thirty days prior to commencing operation of any **air supported structure** except for the purpose of testing, training and inspection, the operator shall give written notification to the assistant secretary.